

BENCHMARKING SUPPLIER PRODUCTS

ABSTRACT

Systems and methods of benchmarking product samples that are provided to a purchasing entity by multiple independent suppliers are described. This benchmarking scheme avoids the need for the purchasing entity to use its own testing equipment to perform evaluation testing of the product samples. At the same time, suppliers may obtain information regarding the performance of their products relative to the performance of products from competing suppliers, oftentimes well in advance of the time at which the products are released. In one aspect, multiple sets of performance parameter values corresponding to results of testing each of the product samples at test facilities of each of the suppliers are collected. An evaluation report is generated based upon the multiple sets of performance parameter values.